

The World Commerce Center  
(Of which Clay Shaw was a part) and its business

What are the sources of the multimillions of the CMC

The financial sources of the "Centro Mondiale Commerciale" of EUR remain mysterious. It concerns certainly hundreds of millions of foreign money introduced in our country

by way of Switzerland or other routes and destined for ends surely not appearing justified in the budget of the society. Maybe the tax police, who between 1961 and 1962 made numerous visits and verifications in the offices of the center in Piazza Marconi, have been successful in obtaining useful data.

For our part, we can specify that in addition to the ex-major of the American Army, L.M. Bloomfield (formerly of the secret service) who figured in the activity of the "Centro" as controller of most of the acting shares, the business had another financier of the first level who operated in our country. It concerns a certain Doctor Davide Biegun, secretary national of the "National Committee for Labor Israel Inc." with headquarters in New York, 33 East 67th Street. Biegun, whose home address was 123 West 57th Street, New York City, was the person who actually manoeuvred the money of the business, even succeeding in getting considerable credit, although he appears officially as "unknown to the banks."

Whoever knows how difficult it is to get money on loan without the necessary guarantees, can understand that behind this personage there must be concealed, obviously most influential endorsers. Or else this man is helped by the funds of his committee. As one can see, there was and there still is material for an ample investigation. It is not forgotten that the balance sheets of the Business declared (1960) assets of 46 million and liabilities of 500 million. The initial capital of 100 million appear to have evaporated and the liabilities soared to astronomical heights.

At a certain point when the Italian-Swiss-American financial organization moved its interests from CMC to the construction of Hotel du Lax of EUR, and to the subdivision of the Savoy property at Capocotta, it seems a great sum of financial aid came also from a large Italian bank. (perhaps this bank more than others was sensitive to the backers of

Doctor Biegun.) It is certain, however, that a mortgage was not in effect of the projected subdivision of Capocotta because at that time the area was not yet transferred to the ownership of the society.

This fact created at its time much perplexity - many people even then were convinced that the money for the operation must have come from sources across the ocean. It would be necessary to clarify, therefore, the destination as well as the source of such a conspicuous sum of money.

The sale of the land of Capocotta was handled by Atty. D'Amelio, who agreed to a deferred payment. The construction of Hotel du Lac was also followed closely by Atty. D'Amelio and it was he who proposed the presidency of the ~~administrative~~ administrative counsel to the social democrat Crocco, later he withdrew when the State Counsel put a stop to the project.

On the other hand, Count Vianzola was put in as president of the society for the subdivision of Capocotta. He had had the post of controller in the "CMC". By means of some indiscretions it turns out that the laborious negotiations and the contracts among the owners and buyers were held in part by Pier Francesco Calvi di Bergolo. At the meetings, frequently of a social nature, Christina Theodoli was sometimes present. (ME: later romantic scandal with her and pier Francesco) The beginning of the subdivision took the name at first of "Marina Reale" and then "Sviluppo Marina Reale". Noticeable obstacles came in the way of its realization, among which was the legal bond to retain the rustic nature of the land. The zone, all coast, bordered with Castel Porziano which the president of the Republic gave to the Commune of Rome for public enjoyment two or more years ago.

Sylvia: I don't have another article that appeared in Paese Sera a few days earlier than this, because I didn't even bother to read it. It discussed Clay Shaw's presence in Italy. This organization seems harmless, but in Italy there was a while back, a scandal about CIA financing of the Social-democrats (Catholic). Also noone understands how Hotel du Lac was built, because it was done contrary to the zoning laws for that area of Rome. The other inhabitants made a law suit out of it and for some time they discussed ripping it down. Obviously political pull helped them out there. As for the Italian bank that gave funds, the Bank of Sicily is now under investigation for

the funds it supplied to the Democrat-Christian party - (Sicily-Mafia CIA) I don't know

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